recommended to Government to establish Indian Trade Organization (ITO) on the lines of World Trade Organization (WTO);

(b) whether the Commission has also recommended to celebrate 2006-07 as Agricultural renaissance year so that agricultural techniques and other relevant knowledge may easily reach to the farmers; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIKANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) In its Third Interim Report submitted to the Government recently, the National Commission on Farmers, has recommended for the establishment of an Indian Trade Organization (ITO) on WTO model, which would help build a long term memory system in relation to home and external trade and minimize adverse global trade trends by stimulating timely national action.

The Commission has also recommended for designating the agricultural year 2006-07 as the Year of Agricultural Renewal. For this purpose the Commission suggested introduction of an integrated package of measures in every part of the country to increase farm productivity and profitablility in perpetuity without associated ecological harm.

Inter-Department consultations on the recommendations made by the Commission have been initiated for firming up an appropriate action.

Fall in catch of Marine Fisheries

560. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sudden fall in catch in the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean after the tsunami of 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details about the catch of marine fisheries during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise, category-wise;

(c) whether any project is initiated to examine the fall in catch of marine fisheries by State fisheries departments/agricultural universities, as on today; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRITASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wheat production

561. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of wheat production in the country during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the estimates for 2006-07;

(b) the quantity procured by FCI during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 indicating minimum support prices perquintal prevailed in respective years;

(c) the volume of buffer stock norms, if any, vis-a-vis stock held with Government agencies at the commencement and conclusion of the harvesting seasons of 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005;

(d) wheat imported, if any, from overseas recently indicating volume, country and its cost per quintal; and

(e) the reasons for wheat import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LALBHURIA): (a) The production estiamtes of wheat during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given in the table:

Production of wheat (in million tonnes)

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Production	72.11	72.00$	73.06*

- As per 2nd Advance Estimates

$ - 4th Advance Estimates

For the year 2006-07, no information on production of wheat in available as yet.

(b) Wheat is procured by Food Corporation of India (FCI) as well as State Agencies. The quantity of wheat procured 2003-04 to 2005-06 by